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FROM BELL TO JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: MPLA RECOGNITION BY PANAMA

REFERENCE: STATE 17936

1. IN ADDITION TO THE COMPLICATING PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS MADE BY OZORES IN BUENOS AIRES ABOUT TREATY DURATION, WE NOTE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO PREDICTED THAT PANAMA WILL SOON FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE MPLA. THE EFE ITEM AS REPORTED BY FBIS IS FUZZY AS TO WHEN A DECISION MIGHT BE MADE, BUT THE ONE CONCLUSION WHICH CAN BE DRAWN FROM IT IS THAT PANAMA INTENDS TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE MPLA AND THAT OZORES DOES NOT FIND THIS OBJECTIONABLE OR UNUSUAL. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE DO NOT AGREE.

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2. I THINK THAT THIS IS ANOTHER ITEM FOR YOUR CATALOGUE

OF SUBJECTS TO BE TAKEN UP WITH THE "INNER CIRCLE" AS THE  
OCCASION PERMITS. TORRIJOS SKILLFULLY SKIRTED THIS  
PARTICULAR ISSUE DURING HIS CUBAN VENTURE AND THERE IS NO  
REASON TO BACK-TRACK NOW. PANAMA WOULD BE ONLY THE FOURTH  
LA COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE CUBA, AND BY RECOGNIZING WOULD BE  
ENCOURAGING CUBAN ADVENTURISM, HARDLY THE THING FOR  
TORRIJOS TO DO GIVEN HIS PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION.

(THE OTHERS WHO HAVE RECOGNIZED ARE CUBA, BRAZIL AND  
GUYANA.) THE PANAMANIAN SHOULD REALIZE THAT TO  
RECOGNIZE THE MPLA WOULD DO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO PANAMA'S  
REPUTATION ON THE HILL AND WITH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.  
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